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SUBJECT: COCOM LIST REVIEW: IL 1091 - NUMERICAL CONTROL
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1. DELEGATIONS RECEIVED AT JUNE 3 SESSION STATEMENT
BASED ON REF C WITH SOME DISMAY. FRENCH REGRETTED THE
DELAY, AND NOTED THAT HE HOPED US PROPOSAL, WHENEVER IT
CAME, TOOK ACCOUNT OF FRENCH DESIRE THAT OUR 1091
PROPOSAL CLEARLY INDICATE THAT IT APPLIED ONLY TO CONTROL
OF ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT SINCE, AS PREVIOUSLY
STATED BY FRENCH, 1091 DID NOT APPLY TO HYDRAULIC AND
PNEUMATIC EQUIPMENT. PENDING A CHANCE TO STUDY THE FORTH-
COMING PROPOSAL, FRENCH WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE RESERVE ON
ROUND II VERSION AND, OFF-THE-RECOR RECORD, MIGHT WELL
OBJECT TO ROUND III VERSION UNLESS THIS POINT WERE ADE-
QUATELY DEALT WITH. DUTCH DEL, BARELY SUPPRESSING THE
"I-TOLD-YOU-SO", FELT THAT DISCUSSION OF A US COUNTERPRO-
POSAL THIS LATE WOULD REQUIRE REFERRAL TO ROUND IV. CA-
NADIAN DEL, SUPPORTED BY SEVERAL OTHERS, CONTESTED DUTCH
VIEW AND REITERATED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES SOUGHT MAXIMUM
PROGRESS IN ROUND III AND HENCE WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO LA-
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TER DISCUSSION WITHIN THIS ROUND. UKDEL, WHILE ALSO RE-

GRETTING THE DELAY, SUGGESTED IT WAS PREVIOUS TO DECIDE NO WHETHER OR NOT A US COUNTERPROPOSAL COULD BE DISCUSSED IN ROUND III, AND SUGGESTED THIS DECISION BE DEFERRED UNTIL THE PROPOSAL WERE ACTUALLY AVAILABLE. GERMAN DEL POINTED OUT THAT THERE WAS TO BE AN INTERNATIONAL MACHINE TOOL EXHIBIT IN PARIS THE WEEK OF JUNE 23-26, AND SUGGESTED THAT SINCE MANY OF THE EXPERTS IN THIS FIELD MIGHT WELL BE HERE ANYHOW, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO - RESCHEDULE IL 1091 AFTER THE EXPECTED US PROPOSAL HAD BEEN CIRCULATED.

2. GERMAN DEL ALSO NOTED (PERHAPS A BIT PRECIPITOUSLY) THAT US HAD CIRCULATED INFORMALLY PARTS OF A NEW PROPOSAL AND SUGGESTED THAT THIS BE DISCUSSED, SINCE EXPERTS OF SOME DELEGATIONS WERE PRESENT. USDEL CONFIRMED THAT SUCH SUGGESTIONS HAD INDEED BEEN PROVIDED TO CERTAIN DELEGATIONS AND UNDERTOOK TO PROVIDE THE SAME MATERIAL PROMPTLY TO THOSE OTHER DELEGATIONS (BELGIAN, ITALIAN, AND CANADIAN) WHICH HAD NOT YET RECEIVED THEM. NEVERTHELESS, THESE DID NOT YET REPRESENT A FORMAL US PROPOSAL, AND, WHILE THE US EXPERT WAS AT THE DISPOSAL OF OTHER DELEGATIONS TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS, HE DID NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO HAVE A FORMAL DISCUSSION OF THESE SUGGESTIONS. IT WAS AGREED THAT INTERESTED EXPERTS COULD CONVENE INFORMALLY AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING.

3. IN INFORMAL, OFF-THE-RECORD AFTERNOON TWG SESSION ON IL 1091 ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES FROM GERMANY, FRANCE, U.K., JAPAN AND U.S., THE US THIRD ROUND 1091 PROPOSAL, WHICH HAD BEEN INFORMALLY SUBMITTED TO THESE DELEGATIONS IN MID MAY WAS DISCUSSED. THREE PROBLEM AREAS WERE IDENTIFIED. THE FIRST AND MOST SUBSTANTIVE PROBLEM AREA WAS U.S. REWRITE OF SUBITEMS (I) (2), (I)(6), AND (II) (3) ON AXES LIMITATION ON MACHINE TOOLS. ALL REPS BELIEVED US REWRITE MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN WORDING OF CURRENT DEFINITION AND SAID IT FAILED TO RECOGNIZE REALITIES OF CURRENT MACHINE TOOL DESIGN. GERMAN EXPERTS (WIDL AND REPRESENTATIVE FROM SIEMANS) ARGUED THAT MOST MACHINE TOOLS BUILT TODAY HAVE SEPARATE DRIVES ON EACH AXIS, EVEN

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THOSE THEY HAD SEEN IN EASTERN EUROPE BLOC COUNTRIES. THEY MAINTAINED THAT MACHINE TOOLS SHARING DRIVES WERE NO LONGER BEING BUILT. FRENCH (GAMET), UK(KING), AND JAPANESE EXPERT SUPPORTED GERMAN EXPERTS' CONTENTION. ALL EXPERTS FAVORED US SECOND ROUND FORMULATION OF THESE SUBITEMS. WHEN U.S.(KRATZ) STATED US SECOND ROUND FORMULATION WAS DEFECTIVE AND DID NOT ACCURATELY CONVEY US INTENT, ALL EXPERTS OPTED FOR FORMULATION SET FORTH IN CUR-

RENT DEFINITION.

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4. UK EXPERT SEEMED BOTHERED BY PHRASE "REGARDLESS OF THE NC UNIT CONNECTED TO THE MACHINE". JAPANESE BELIEVED THAT THIS PHRASE SHOULD BE DELETED. UK ALSO BELIEVED USE OF WORD "DISCRETE" IN EXPLANATION NOTE AMBIGUOUS AND POSSIBLY MADE DEFINITION MORE RESTRICTIVE THAN CURRENT ONE.

5. GAMET CONTINUED HIS BATTLE TO LIMIT IL 1091 (AND IL 1016 AS WELL) TO ONLY ELECTRIC AND ELECTRONIC DEVICES. HE WAS ADAMANT ON THIS POINT AND PRODUCED RECORDS OF DISCUSSION FROM LAST LIST REVIEW SHOWING US HAD PREVIOUSLY AGREED TO THIS LIMITATION. US ATTEMPTED TO ASCERTAIN FRENCH FETISH OVER THIS POINT BUT NEVER RECEIVED INFORMATIVE EXPLANATION.

6. WELZIEN RAISED THIRD ISSUE WHICH HE READ FROM CAREFULLY PREPARED ENGLISH TEXT WHICH INDICATED THAT METHOD OF DEFINING "POSITIONING ACCURACY" IN CURRENT DEFINITION WAS NOT THE WAY GERMAN MACHINE TOOL MANUFACTURERS EXPRESSED THIS SPECIFICATION. ACCORDING TO WELZIEN, THE GERMAN COMPANIES DID NOT EXPRESS A PLUS OR MINUS VALUE. HE WAS NOT SEEKING A CHANGE IN THE ACCURACY CUTOFF,

BUT RATHER A NEW FORMULATION TO EXPRESS THIS PARAMETER.
HE STATED THAT THE CURRENT PARAMETER RESULTED IN MISIN-
TERPRETATIONS OF THIS SPECIFICATION IN GERMANY. SINCE
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HIS EXPLANATION WAS QUITE TECHNICAL AND DID NOT ORIGINATE
WITH THE TWO GERMAN EXPERTS PRESENT, WE ASKED THE GERMAN
REPRESENTATIVE TO SUBMIT HIS EXPLANATION IN WRITING WITH
A SUGGESTED REFORMULATION. THIS WAS AGREED.

7. FOLLOWING EXAMINATION OF THE BASIC IL 1091 DEFINITION,
THE TWG REVIEWED THE NOTES TO 1091 TABLED BY THE US OR
INFORMALLY DISCUSSED IN THE SECOND ROUND (I.E., NOTES
2 AND 3 (CNC)). NO EXPERT INTERPOSED ANY OB-
JECTION TO NOTE 2 OR NOTE 3 (THE GERMAN PROPOSAL AS RE-
VISED BY THE US). UPON DIRECT QUESTIONING BY THE US,
EACH EXPERT PRESENT INDICATED THEY THEY BELIEVED THEIR
DELEGATION COULD ACCEPT A US IL 1091 PROPOSAL CONSISTING
OF OUR INFORMAL THIRD ROUND COUNTERPROPOSAL, NOTES 1 AND
2 FROM OUR SECOND ROUND PROPOSAL, AND A CNC NOTE (NOTE 3)
ALONG THE LINES DISCUSSED IN ROUND TWO SHOULD THE US FOR-
MALLY TABLE SUCH A PROPOSAL. ALL EXPERTS BELIEVED SUCH
A PROPOSAL WOULD BE A REASONABLE AND WELL-BALANCED PACK-
AGE WHICH THEY COULD LIVE WITH FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL
YEARS.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: EARLY INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT
FORMAL COUNTERPROPOSAL FOR IL 1091.

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